

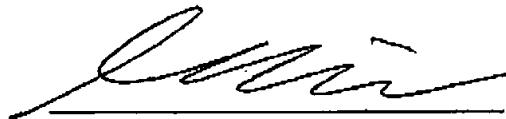
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REMARKS

By the present amendment and response, claims 1-23 have been canceled (claims 24-27 were previously canceled in response to a restriction requirement). New claims 28-31 have been added. New claims 28, 29, 30, and 31 are the independent forms of the now canceled claims 3, 4, 5, and 6, respectively, and include the limitations of the now canceled base claim 1. New claims 28-31 are thus allowable according to the Examiner's comments on page 7 of the Office Action dated July 27, 2004. As such, an early Notice of Allowance directed to allowable claims 28-31 remaining in the present application is respectfully requested.

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